SAN DIEGO OPERATIONAL AREA

DIRECTIVE # 7
FEMA TASK FORCE 8 STATUS NOTIFICATION

Purpose: Directive # 7 does provides information on the CA-TF8 rotation, ordering procedures and deployment; however, the purpose of Directive # 7 is to provide status notification procedures, to include, the San Diego County Operational Area Coordinator. The San Diego County Operational Area has limited number of resources in both equipment on people to offer jurisdications outside of the home agencies but makes every effort to honor requests for deployment of resources. A deployment or pending deployment of CA-TF8 may have a significant impact on resource availability for other requests that may come to the Op Area Coordinator making status notification an important step in the process for situational awareness in the determination of filling other resource orders.

Guidance: FEMA US&R CA-TF8 uses a rotation and ordering based procedure. The rotation model will reduce subjectivity to facilitate task force and agency planning, training, and maintenance scheduling.

FEMA has developed a national rotation model to facilitate both deployment and long-range planning activities. CA-TF8 has three rosters, red, white, and blue, to mirror the national model. Each member is directed to coordinate with their agency on their availability before notifying the task force.

Definition: *US&R-* FEMA Urban Search and Rescue

CA-TF8- California Task Force 8

MRP- Mission Ready Package are specially created resource bundles utilized for disaster response identified by specific capabilities that are organized, developed, trained, and exercised prior to an emergency or disaster.

Procedures:

- CA-TF8 Program Manager notifies the FEMA US&R Branch Office of any status changes to the team. CA-TF8 Program Manager evaluates the team's status daily based on agency staffing levels in the county, fire activity, resources deployed, weather activity, or unforeseen changes within the county. Conversations are conducted with the Program Manager, and Management before finalizing the task force's status.
- CA-TF8 utilizes the NIMS typing standards for deployment. Every incident will be different. Based on the incident and availability, the team will deploy as a Type 1, Type 3, Type 4, or Mission Ready Package (MRP).
  - Type 1 roster is comprised of 80 personnel

- - Type 3 roster is comprised of 40 personnel
  - Type 4 roster is comprised of 25 personnel
  - System MRPs are specially created resource bundles utilized for disaster response. MRPs are defined as a "specific response resource capabilities that are organized, developed, trained, and exercised prior to an emergency or disaster." These MRPs are designed to provide additional support and or augment a needed capability to System resources already operating at an incident or event. The organizational design of an MRP is set up to be mobile and can be operationally independent. Personnel on an MRP can range from 2-16, depending on what is being requested.
- CA-TF8 has three rosters, red, white, and blue. Each roster is comprised of 80 personnel from within the county. There are 220 personnel on the team. Each month the rosters are rotated based on the national color model.
- A situation report is emailed to the team on the first of every month with where the team is on the rotation, which team is up for that month, and the team's status.
- An SMS text message is sent out to the entire team to respond to the team's database with their availability for the month. All members are directed to confirm with their agency if they will support their deployment before responding to the SMS.
- The CA-TF8 Program Manager or his/her designee changes the roster based on the personnel responses to ensure only those members able to deploy are rostered.
- The FEMA branch makes notifications to CAL OES for any California team being activated. This is unique to only California.
- Orders come to the Program Manager and Task Force Representative, which is the Deputy Chief of Special Operations from the FEMA US&R Branch. The orders are reviewed, and the Program Manager will accept or decline the orders, send them back to the branch, and CC CAL OES ,San Diego County Op Area Coordinator, and the San Diego Zone Coordinators.
- Once activated, staff will notify the team through the team's database to report to the cache for deployment.
- All communications of the task force go through the Program Manager and coordinated with Management to the FEMA US&R Branch.
- Attached is the National Rotation Model (updates will be submitted to the Op Area Coordinator for posting on the Op Area website- www.xsdoparea.org). Each column represents a month and is identified by a color (red, white, or blue). System task force rotations are listed in monthly columns on each annual model, with the columns consisting of ten rotation blocks labeled "1st" through "10th". Each rotation block comprises three rows representing the System's three regions (West, Central, and East). These ten rotation blocks make up the rotation order for each monthly column, and every column contains all 28 System task forces. Each month task forces move up one rotation block until reaching the "1st" block, after which they move back down to the "9th" block ("10th" block for Eastern Division task forces), starting the process over again.